

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
440 HOMESTEAD AVE.
METAIRIE, LOUISIANA 70005
TELEPHONE (504) 833-2715
FAX (504) 833-9050
E-MAIL eharo@bellsouth.net

ELLIOTTE M. HAROLD, JR.
OF COUNSEL

318 ST. CHARLES STREET
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802
TELEPHONE (225) 343-0100
FAX (225) 343-0344

March 7, 2006

Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P.O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: OPERCULOINDES 9 Sand, Reservoir A
Pecan Island Field
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Application is hereby made on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Operc 9 Sand, Reservoir A, Pecan Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Operc 9 Sand, Reservoir A, Pecan Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana and create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 170 acres.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned, tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed unit set forth in No. 1 above, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate an operator and a unit well, at an exception location, for the proposed unit set forth in No. 1 above.
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Page 2

5. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

The Operc 9 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Pecan Island Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand found between the depths of 12,500 feet and 12,560 feet, electric log measurement, in the ExxonMobil - Exxon Fee No. 51 well located in Section 18, Township 16 South, Range 1 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it was not held. Thus, no opposition is expected at the hearing on this matter.

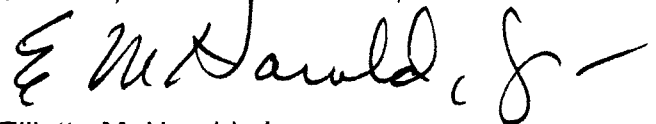
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to the only Interested Party, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Pecan Island Field. In addition, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Pecan Island Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data is available **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from LeBlanc Geological, Inc., 3500 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 405, Metairie, Louisiana 70002, (504)-828-8700.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed unit. Below is the name and address of the only Interested Party to whom a copy of this application is being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to obtain a complete list. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.



Elliotte M. Harold, Jr.

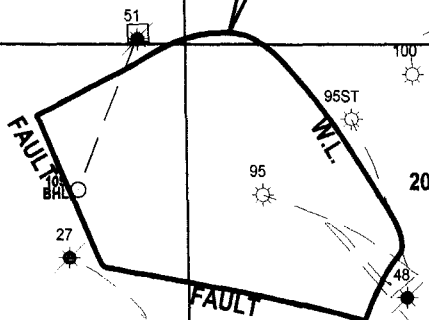
EMH/h
Encls.

Cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager

Sovereign Royalties, LC
P.O. Box 273127
Houston, Texas 77277-3127

T 16 S - R 1 E

OPERC 9 RA SUA
EXXON FEE 109
+/- 170 ACRES

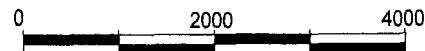


EXXONMOBIL PRODUCTION CO.

PECAN ISLAND FIELD
VERMILION PARISH LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT

OPERC 9 SAND



LeBLANC GEOLOGICAL, INC.